

Lewis County

Shoreline Master Program Update

Planning Commission

Introductory Workshop – West County

September 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Hearing Room - 2nd Floor, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis

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Workshop Agenda

- Introductions
- Summarize the purpose of the SMP update
- Discuss the elements of the SMP update
- Talk about the next steps in the process
- Address your questions

Shoreline Management Act (SMA)

- Manages and protects the state's shoreline resources by planning for reasonable and appropriate uses in the shorelines
- Governs use and development of shorelines

Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

- Implements the SMA in the County
- Establishes goals, policies, and regulations for shoreline use, protection, and development
- Lewis County adopted its SMP in 1974 and amended it in 1998

Purpose of the SMP Update

- Update is required by the State
- Based on new 2003 State regulations
- All SMPs in Washington are being updated
- Ecology is lead agency

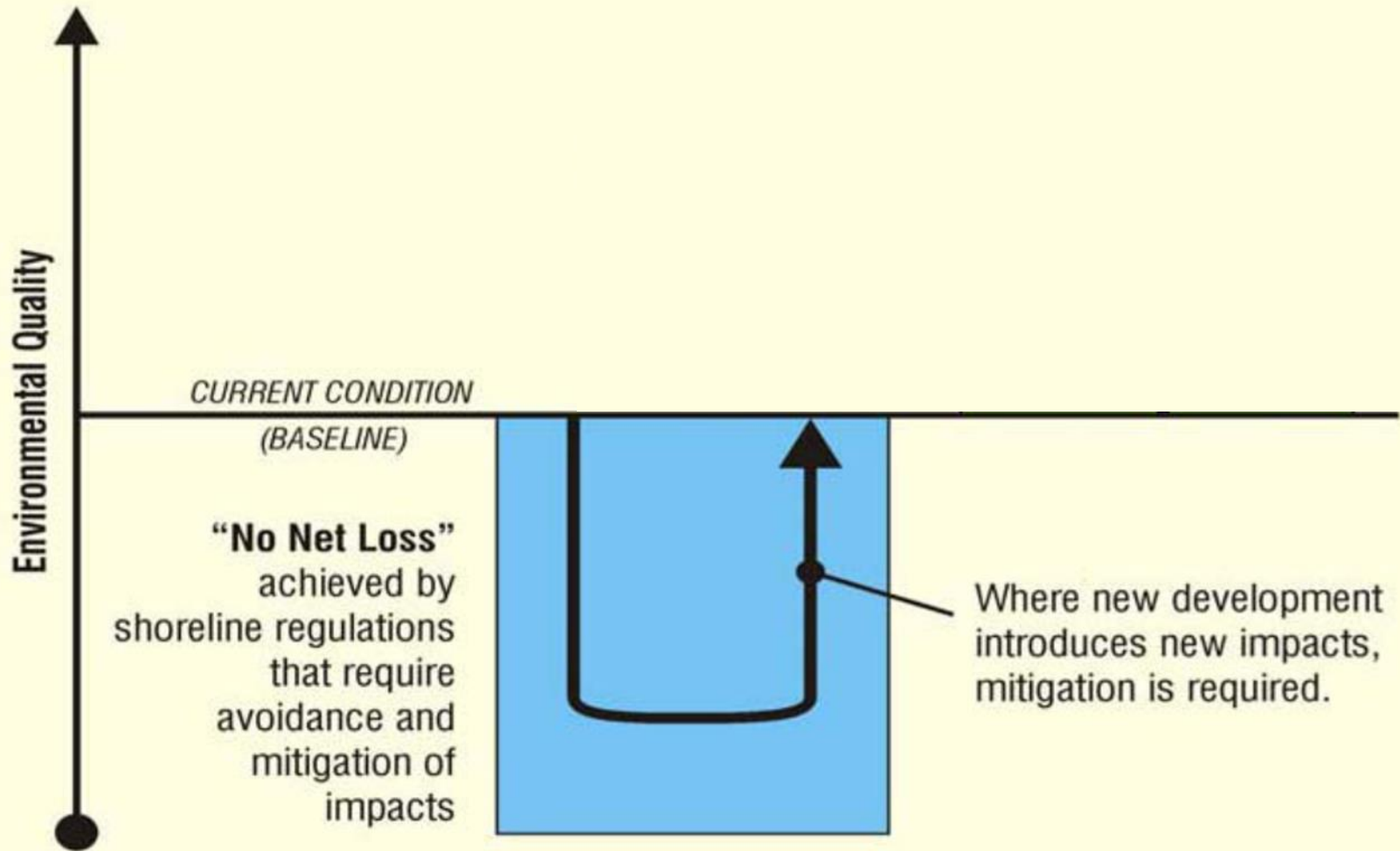
SMP Update Requirements

- Protect shoreline natural resources through “no net loss”
- Preserve and enhance public access
- Provide for and give preference to “water-oriented uses”
- Provide for voluntary restoration planning

New Requirement: “No Net Loss”

- Based on critical areas regulations
- “No net loss of ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural resources”
- New impacts must be avoided or mitigated
- “No net loss” means development impacts do not cause a decline from current baseline

New Requirement: “No Net Loss”



Elements of the SMP Update

Public Participation

- Guided by the Public Participation Plan
- Input received through:
 - Open Houses
 - Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - SMP Update website
 - Planning Commission and County Commissioners

Elements of the SMP Update

Shoreline Inventory and Analysis

- Analyzed available data, shoreline functions, shoreline uses, and public access
- Described existing conditions and development patterns
- Established the baseline for “No Net Loss”

Elements of the SMP Update

Restoration Plan

- New update requirement

Elements of the SMP Update

Shoreline Master Program

- Establishes goals, policies, and regulations for uses and modifications in the shoreline
- Regulates development and activity in the shoreline

Updated Shoreline Regulations

- Apply to future development
- Do not apply retroactively to past actions
- Do not require changes to existing land uses or developments

Where Shoreline Regulations Apply

1. Lakes and reservoirs greater than 20 acres

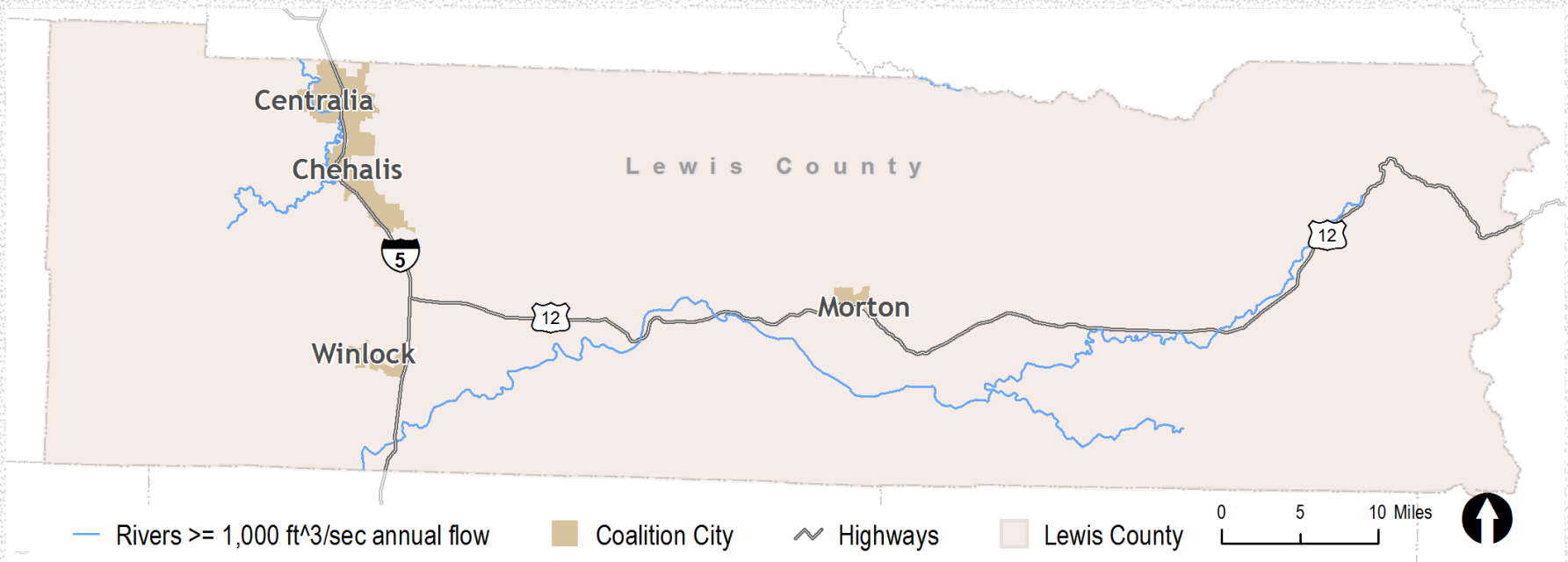
➤ Example: Mayfield and Riffe Lakes



Where Shoreline Regulations Apply

2. Rivers with mean annual flow over 1,000 cubic feet per second

- Example: the Chehalis and Cowlitz Rivers



Where Shoreline Regulations Apply

3. Rivers and streams with mean annual flow over 20 cubic feet per second

- Example: Skookumchuck River and Salzer Creek



Where Shoreline Regulations Apply

4. 2010 flood channel study areas and SMP Flood Course
5. Floodplain contiguous and within 200 feet of #4
6. Associated wetlands

Over 992 miles of creeks and rivers and 17,147 acres of lakes and reservoirs

Updates to Shoreline Regulations

Key areas that have been updated:

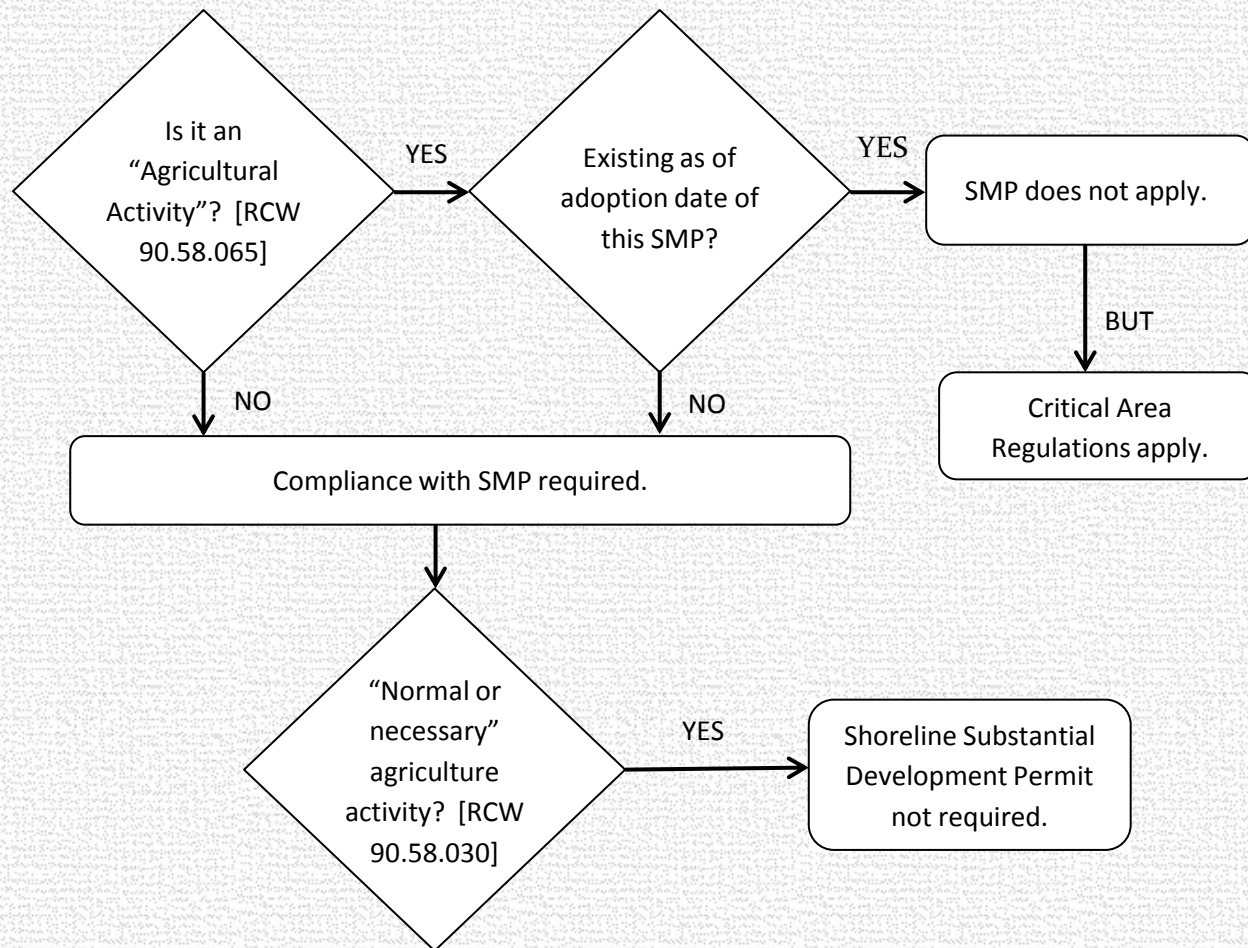
1. Shoreline Buffers
2. Agriculture
3. Shoreline Uses and Modifications

Shoreline Buffers

1. Updated shoreline buffers based on the County's current critical areas regulations (LCC 17.35 and LCC 17.35A)
2. Established based on type of use and whether use is:
 - Water-dependent
 - Water-related/water-enjoyment
 - Non-water-oriented

Agriculture

Where the updated SMP applies:



Shoreline Uses and Modifications

Key areas that have been updated:

- Boating and water access
- Shoreline stabilization
- Aquaculture
- Grading, clearing, and fill

Next Steps

- October 13, 2015 – Planning Commission SMP Workshop – East County
- November 10, 2015 – Planning Commission SMP Workshop – Discuss Results of Workshops
- December 8, 2015 – Planning Commission Hearing
- January – March 2016 – Board of County Commissioners Workshops and Hearing

Questions?

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Websites:

- <http://lewiscountywa.gov/communitydevelopment/shoreline-master-program>
- https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1764/34605/default.aspx
- <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/index.html>